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Job Vacancies, Australia

Results of the quarterly job vacancies survey containing estimates of job vacancies classified by industry, sector and state/territory

Reference period August 2019

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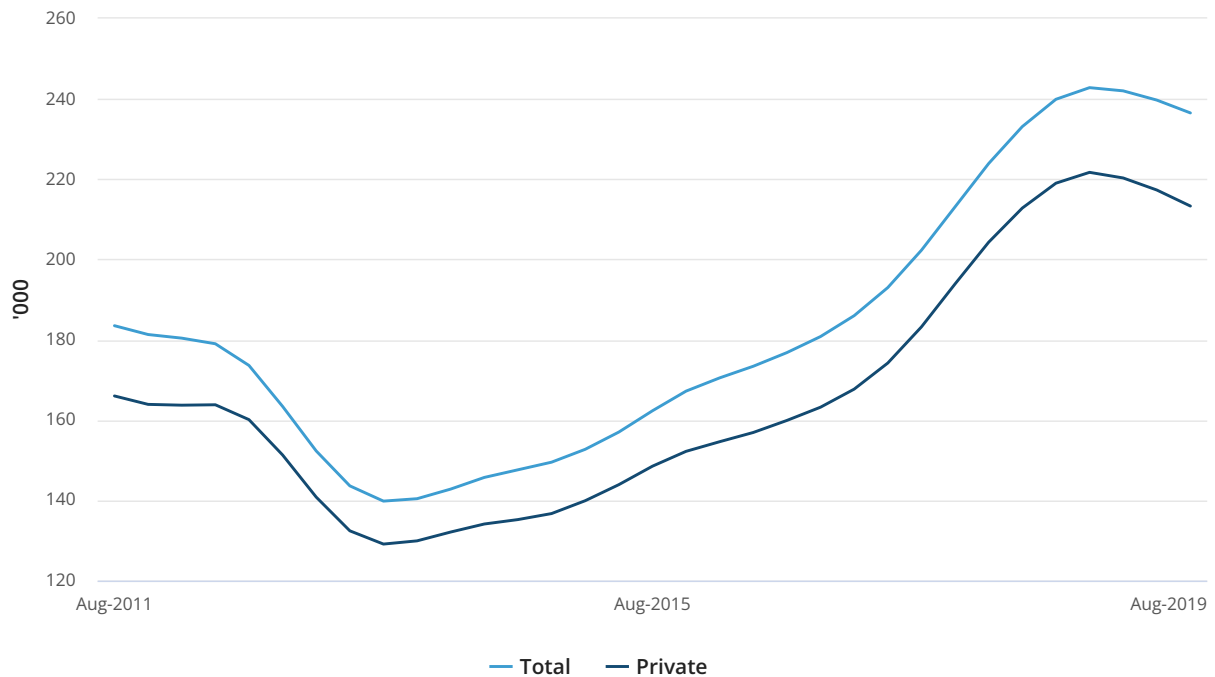
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Main features

August key figures

	Aug 2019	May 2019 to Aug 2019	Aug 2018 to Aug 2019
	'000	% change	% change
Trend Estimates			
Private sector	213.3	-1.8	-2.6
Public sector	23.2	3.6	10.8
Private and public sectors	236.5	-1.3	-1.4

Job vacancies, total and private sector - trend



August key points

Trend estimates

- Total job vacancies in August 2019 were 236,500, a decrease of 1.3% from May 2019.
- The number of job vacancies in the private sector was 213,300 in August 2019, a decrease of 1.8% from May 2019.
- The number of job vacancies in the public sector was 23,200 in August 2019, an increase of 3.6% from May 2019.

Rounding

Estimates of percentage change shown in this release have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from calculating percentage change using the rounded estimates presented in the Tables and the datacubes on the Data downloads tab.

Tables

1 Job vacancies, states and territories

Original										Seasonally Adjusted	Trend
NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
JOB VACANCIES ('000)											
2018											
May	77.3	67.6	32.6	11.4	24.1	2.4	3.9	7.1	226.4	235.6	233.1
August	82.4	72.0	35.1	11.9	27.6	3.0	3.7	7.4	243.0	239.6	239.9
November	86.3	66.8	38.0	10.9	28.6	3.5	4.0	7.6	245.7	241.9	242.8
2019											
February	87.8	68.3	36.8	9.5	29.3	3.0	3.7	7.5	245.9	243.7	242.0
May	80.9	64.3	33.9	11.3	25.4	3.1	4.2	7.6	230.8	239.6	239.7
August	76.2	65.4	39.7	11.5	28.5	3.7	4.4	8.6	237.9	235.1	236.5
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)											
2018											
May	-2.0	8.3	-10.7	9.0	8.3	-16.6	4.6	7.2	1.2	6.1	4.1
August	6.5	6.4	7.8	4.6	14.8	25.5	-4.8	3.4	7.4	1.7	2.9
November	4.8	-7.2	8.3	-8.6	3.4	17.9	8.0	3.1	1.1	0.9	1.2
2019											
February	1.7	2.3	-3.2	-12.4	2.4	-16.3	-7.1	-1.6	0.1	0.7	-0.4
May	-7.8	-5.9	-7.8	19.2	-13.2	6.0	13.7	1.2	-6.1	-1.6	-0.9
August	-5.9	1.6	17.1	1.3	12.2	16.6	4.0	14.1	3.1	-1.9	-1.3
CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)											
2017											
August	10.3	23.5	21.0	-4.6	10.2	31.5	55.9	32.7	16.0	15.8	14.4
2018											
August	7.6	28.7	0.4	30.2	43.3	19.5	-2.9	18.4	16.6	16.8	18.6
2019											
August	-7.6	-9.2	13.1	-3.4	3.1	21.9	18.7	17.1	-2.1	-1.9	-1.4

2 Job vacancies, private sector - states and territories

Original										Seasonally Adjusted	Trend
NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
JOB VACANCIES ('000)											
2018											
May	71.1	62.3	29.4	10.0	22.2	1.8	3.3	5.5	205.8	215.0	212.8
August	76.2	66.0	32.2	10.5	25.6	2.4	3.3	5.9	222.1	219.1	219.0
November	79.7	60.8	35.0	9.3	26.8	3.0	3.3	5.9	223.9	220.3	221.7
2019											
February	81.2	63.1	34.0	8.0	27.7	2.5	3.2	5.7	225.3	222.4	220.3
May	73.4	58.8	30.9	9.8	23.9	2.6	3.7	5.7	208.6	217.4	217.3
August	68.7	60.1	36.0	9.7	26.5	3.1	3.7	6.2	213.9	211.5	213.3
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)											
2018											
May	-1.9	8.8	-12.5	6.6	6.4	-24.1	3.7	5.7	0.6	6.3	4.2
August	7.1	5.9	9.3	4.9	15.4	33.2	-0.9	6.7	7.9	1.9	2.9
November	4.6	-7.8	8.6	-11.1	4.4	25.7	-	-0.1	0.8	0.6	1.2
2019											
February	1.8	3.7	-2.7	-14.1	3.3	-18.9	-2.5	-3.9	0.6	0.9	-0.6
May	-9.6	-6.8	-9.2	21.8	-13.6	4.1	13.4	0.3	-7.4	-2.2	-1.4
August	-6.4	2.2	16.4	-0.9	11.1	19.9	1.6	8.6	2.5	-2.7	-1.8
CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)											
2017											
August	8.3	22.8	25.8	-5.8	10.9	28.0	66.7	49.4	15.9	15.8	14.6
2018											
August	9.8	30.5	-0.4	28.2	44.3	14.1	-3.4	26.2	17.9	18.1	19.5
2019											
August	-9.9	-8.9	11.7	-7.8	3.5	27.1	12.4	4.6	-3.7	-3.4	-2.6

- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

3 Job vacancies, public sector - states and territories

Original										Seasonally Adjusted	Trend
NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
JOB VACANCIES ('000)											
2018											
May	6.2	5.4	3.1	1.4	1.9	0.6	0.5	1.6	20.6	20.6	20.3
August	6.2	6.0	2.9	1.4	2.0	0.6	0.4	1.5	20.9	20.6	20.9
November	6.6	6.0	3.0	1.5	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.7	21.8	21.5	21.2
2019											
February	6.7	5.3	2.8	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	1.8	20.6	21.3	21.6
May	7.6	5.5	3.0	1.6	1.5	0.6	0.6	1.9	22.2	22.2	22.4
August	7.5	5.3	3.8	1.8	2.0	0.6	*0.7	2.5	24.0	23.5	23.2
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)											
2018											
May	-2.6	2.4	11.9	31.3	38.5	20.3	10.1	12.7	7.6	4.4	3.6
August	-0.3	12.2	-6.4	2.1	7.5	1.8	-28.9	-8.0	1.6	-0.3	3.1
November	6.1	-0.1	4.7	10.9	-10.6	-13.6	78.3	16.0	4.3	4.8	1.2
2019											
February	1.4	-12.3	-8.9	-2.3	-10.0	-1.1	-29.6	6.2	-5.7	-1.1	2.3
May	13.8	4.9	9.1	5.2	-6.0	15.4	15.6	3.9	7.9	4.3	3.3
August	-1.2	-4.3	24.2	14.6	30.2	2.2	19.7	30.6	8.0	5.9	3.6
CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)											
2017											
August	34.2	31.4	-17.2	6.8	2.8	53.2	-2.4	-0.6	16.2	15.7	12.3
2018											
August	-13.7	11.5	9.4	48.5	31.5	47.6	1.9	-4.9	4.7	4.2	9.7
2019											
August	20.9	-12.1	29.2	30.6	-1.5	0.7	73.6	67.2	14.7	14.5	10.8

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

4 Job vacancies, industry - original

	2018			2019		
	May	August	November	February	May	August
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Mining	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.8	5.6	6.4
Manufacturing	11.2	10.3	11.4	12.2	11.5	11.6
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2
Construction	14.8	16.0	17.3	19.3	15.7	14.9
Wholesale trade	9.6	9.7	10.4	9.4	9.3	10.4
Retail trade	18.3	21.5	24.5	20.8	19.0	22.1
Accommodation and food services	13.8	17.1	15.1	16.7	14.0	14.5
Transport, postal and warehousing	6.7	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.4
Information media and telecommunications	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.7
Financial and insurance services	11.2	11.7	12.0	12.4	11.4	12.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	3.5	4.1	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.9	28.9	24.8	28.3	28.6	25.0
Administrative and support services	45.0	46.7	45.5	44.2	42.5	45.8
Public administration and safety	12.1	10.2	12.0	11.1	11.9	13.2
Education and training	6.4	7.3	6.6	7.4	7.1	6.6
Health care and social assistance	24.0	27.1	29.0	29.4	29.8	27.4
Arts and recreation services	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.4	3.6
Other services	8.8	11.8	11.6	10.0	7.2	9.0

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